



ESTES PARK
COLORADO

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RAPID DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TEAM

The Rapid Damage Assessment Team's primary function is to determine if your building is safe to occupy. The preliminary responsibility of this team is to gather and relay information about the extent of damage in your building, such as:

- Damage to utilities (sewer, gas, electrical and water lines)
- Structural damage (e.g., buildings off their foundations, bulging or cracked exterior walls or roofs)
- Other hazards (e.g., fractures in streets, sidewalk and riverwalk, downed trees, and power lines)

Examples of structures that are unsafe to enter include buildings with serious structural issues with the potential for roof or wall collapse, smell of gas; and/or exposed electrical wires exposed.

The Town of Estes Park Chief Building Official, or his representative, will ask for voluntary access to your building. This is an initial rapid assessment only. It may be necessary to provide additional inspections to ensure public safety.

Buildings will be posted with one of three notices:

Green: Safe to Occupy

Yellow: Safe to Enter for Restoration and Retrieval of Belongings

Red: Do Not Enter Unsafe

If you do not feel safe in your building do not occupy it. Situations change rapidly and a building that was safe can sustain additional damage as rain continues. **Be aware of your safety at all times. Final re-entry to evacuated areas will be announced by the Police Department.**

Finalizing assessments in the downtown district, assessing critical structures such as the hospital and evacuation centers, and beginning assessments in Fall River Road area are today's priorities. Priorities will be re-assessed on a daily basis.

Contact Charlie Phillips, Senior Building Permit Technician, Town of Estes Park Division of Building Safety with questions. 970- 577-3721, cphillips@estes.org.

This is a post-disaster rapid assessment. This visual represents only a snapshot in time.